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On April 27th, at 41, Canton Road, Kowloon, Hongkong, the wife of HARRIS AARON, of a son.

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On April 20th, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. ERIC MILLER, a son.

On April 20th, at Shanghai, the wife of Y. WATSON PAUL, of a son.

On April 22nd, at North, Walse, the wife of George Appleby, I.M.C.S., of a son.

MARRIAGE.

On April 21st, at Shanghai, CLARA LEONIE MARIE G. PORTLAND, Oregon, to ALFRED LINDSAY BERNARDSON, of Shanghai.

DEATHS.

On March 23rd in Redlands, Cal., Capt. NICHOLAS PIATT, late C. M. S. N. Co.'s Service, Shanghai, aged 68 years.

On April 15th, JAMES LIDDELL SCOTT, late of Shanghai, on board the P. & O. S. Magonia, between Port Said and Marseilles.

On April 21st, at Shanghai, Miss JUDITH HARTMAN, aged 33 years.

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, APRIL 29th, 1908

"Now it's our turn." That Florida Water case has really been tried by a jury numbering hundreds, and notwithstanding the strong denunciation by the Chief Justice, we believe a plebiscite would give an overwhelming verdict of approval to the decision actually made. After all, there was no ticklish legal question to decide. The issues which the Chief Justice insisted on defining to the jury were such as could be decided by ordinarily intelligent laymen, and so the opinion of two men, even though one of them was a judge, can scarcely be reckoned sufficiently weighty as against that of the six to warrant the extraordinarily sweeping allegation that there had been a bigger fraud in this case than in any other within the Judge's Hongkong experience. That remark could scarcely be accepted as a

compliment by the business men who had spent three days considering the case without fee or reward. It would also cause wider sympathy for the successful defendants and no doubt the advertisement thus secured will result in an increase of turnover that in time may compensate them for the unrefunded costs incurred in the action. We confess to some sympathy with the defendants, as a result of reading the evidence, and if we had any use for Florida Water, would feel personal satisfaction that a firm which sells practically the same article for half the price charged by the complaining firm is not to be driven out of the market. We feel reasonably certain that the average person does not worry about the name of the manufacturer of the stuff he buys. Apparently Florida Water is some sort of scent, and we take it the person who wants a particular scent wants one that has pleased his or her olfactory nerves before. To ensure getting the same effect they want to secure this similar cause, and so they may remember that the name of the liquid first used was Florida Water. We take it all Florida Waters (and there appear to be many on the market) sink in something like unison, with perhaps, varying degrees of power. Those who like the scent very much will want it strong, as if it were tea or tobacco, and some of those might perhaps make a point of remembering the label on the bottle so as to be sure of getting what they had before. But as a drop of Florida Water "by any other name would smell as sweet," though it may be not always as strong, we fancy we go deliberately to demand that manufactured by a particular firm. The value of a firm name is rarely in the quality of its goods, but in the quantity of its advertisements. There are some names which we are not allowed to forget, and we involuntarily associate them with the articles we may be thinking of buying; but it is rare indeed that, on consideration, we cannot be induced to take some other firm's product, especially if (as in this case of Florida Water) it be just as good for our purpose and far cheaper. On the question of fact in this case, as to whether a person could be defrauded into buying a picture of two girls instead of a picture of a fountain, we do not enter. We have ascertained that the name and the bottle are "standards" used by dozens of firms, and with regard to the label we are quite satisfied to accept the opinion of the half dozen jurymen who said that there had been no fraud. Obviously, the case involved wider issues than the business of one firm. If it appears that, had the complainant succeeded, the right of several other firms to continue manufacturing Florida Water would have been challenged. This, as they all seem to be content with smaller prices, would have been hard upon that section of the public which likes to seek of Florida Water, and for their sakes we find ourselves rejoicing with that larger jury which, for various reasons, had been anticipating the verdict of the jury actually empanelled.

Since Sunday morning nearly seven inches of rain have fallen in Hongkong.

We are asked to say that Mrs. Drew has arranged a free concert to take place this (Wednesday) evening at the Seamen's Institute, Kowloon.

Mr. F. Clayton, Chief assistant of the Imperial Maritime Customs, Kowloon, is transferred to Tientsin. Mr. and Mrs. Clayton will leave for the North before the end of the month.

Messrs E. S. Kadoorie & Co are in receipt of telegraphic advices from Singapore informing them that the crushing of the Rand Australian Gold Mining Co. for the past period of four weeks yielded 1965 ozs gold from 4819 tons stone.

A Swiss who shot himself at Shanghai on April 20th was Fritz Ingold, the representative in China of the Bernese Alps Condensed Milk Co. He was staying at 104 N. Szechuen Road Extension; the residence of Captain and Mrs. Stringer and financial embarrassment is said to have been the cause of his rash act. Dr. Jackson was summoned immediately; the dead was discovered and Mr. Ingold was taken to the Nursing Home, where he is now. The French Consul was informed of the occurrence. Mr. Ingold is expected to survive, but will probably be totally blind.

Among to-day's advertisements appears an announcement of an interesting tour arranged by the Colver Tours Company of Boston, who are represented in the Far East by a branch office in Yokohama and by agents in various ports. The tour starts from San Francisco, and the party are due in Hongkong by the Siberia this week. An opportunity is afforded a limited number of persons to join the party in a tour through the Yangtze Valley, to Peking thence to Japan, Vladivostok &c., via Siberia to Europe. The route is fully given in the advertisement, and an illustrated booklet issued by the Company gives more detailed information. The Company's local agents are Messrs. MacEwen, Frickel & Co.

The Peking Government has instructed the Viceroy at Canton to make a detailed report upon Hainan Island in South China with a view to opening the whole island to the commerce of the Treaty Powers of China. So far there are only two treaty ports in the island, viz: Kiungchow and Pakhoi.

A curious defence was set up, in Calcutta the other day on behalf of a man charged with receiving a prisoner from police custody. The man who was rescued was subsequently acquitted of the charge against him, and it was therefore contended that the man who rescued him from the police had not committed any offence, the arrest having been illegal. The Magistrate accepted this view, and discharged the accused.

In reply to a dispatch from the Waiwung with reference to the non-acceptance of notes issued by Chinese Banks in Shanghai by the Foreign Banks, the Doyen of the Diplomatic Body in Peking has, it is reported, informed the Waiwung that if the Government will guarantee the Bank notes in question, there would be no difficulty in their acceptance by Foreign Banks, etc.

A Manila paper tells the following lie:—A Manila man who went to Hongkong one day last week told of an eccentric character he met at one of the large wholesale houses, a member of the firm. After having bought a large bill of goods, the wholesaler asked him if he still smoked. "I told him yes, but I was saying to myself I would refuse any cigars if I offered them because I don't like to accept business compliments, when he reached down into his pocket and handed me this." "This" was a small box of matches, the kind they give away at cigar stores. "I took it of course and it was such a surprise, I believe I'll go back there again when we need some new stuff."

By Imperial sanction the Waiwung has sent a circular to the Viceroys and Governors throughout China concerning the reception of foreign missionaries in the various provinces. The circular states that in March 1899, the Defunct Tsung-li Yamen made certain rules concerning the reception of foreign missionaries by Viceroys, Governors, Taoist and other Chinese officials, according to their respective rank and title. Consequently some foreign missionaries went so far as to use official sedan chairs, umbrellas etc., until the ignorant classes were led to believe that foreign missionaries were the equals in rank of Chinese Viceroys and Governors. "It is necessary to establish these rules to enable ordinary Chinese officials to receive foreign missionaries publicly as equals."

A large audience, composed chiefly of ladies, attended at the Y.M.C.A. Literary and Debating Club's Parliament on Monday evening to hear the opening speeches of the new Premier and his Ministry. The subject "Should Bachelors be taxed?" was of general interest and gave opportunities for a display of wit, which the speakers took advantage of. The Premier introduced the subject and was well supported by members of his cabinet. The Bill was strongly criticised by the Leader of the opposition and the Independent Party and it appeared imminent that the new Government would be thrown out in their first venture, but the Premier rallied his forces and secured a majority. Messrs. Smith, Browne, Nairn, Todd, Fowler, Baker and Cubey also convincingly expressed their views on the matter.

The Japanese Financial Commission in London made the following communication to Reuters Agency "In connection with the decision of the Japanese Government to redeem the First Series Exchange Bonds, amounting to about 100,000,000 yen (£10,000,000), on the 25th of December next, and, moreover, to purchase the same under discount from time to time after the 30th of April next, a further arrangement is telegraphed this morning that the Government gives the holders of the present Bonds to their convenience an option to exchange the same into the 5 per Cent. Bonds which will mature in 1913. The application for the exchange of the Bonds has to be made before the 31st of May next. The conditions of the exchange are as follows: (1) The Exchange Bonds with unattached coupons attached will be received at the rate of 105 per cent. and the 5 per Cent. Bonds given in exchange at the rate of 90 per cent. (2) The balance under 50 yen will be paid in cash. (3) On the 5 per Cent. Bonds given in exchange the whole year's interest will be paid."

Lord Charles Bessford, writing to the secretary of the Imperial Merchant Service Guild, Liverpool, says: "I am quite certain that the more the two great maritime services of this country—the Military Shipping and the Mercantile Shipping—are brought into close and intimate touch the more it will be for the benefit of the country. The country depends upon each individual service for its existence; on the mercantile service for the delivery of war-borne goods, and on the Navy as an insurance that the delivery should not be interfered with during warlike operations. There can be no doubt that the late impulse to signalling between the two branches of shipping is doing a very great deal to bring the services more completely in accord together. I hardly ever pass a merchant ship now at sea without being able to communicate with her clearly and rapidly, and on several occasions the initiative has come from the merchant ship. This is most satisfactory, and verifies my prediction that, if once the matter was taken up and placed before the captains and officers of the Mercantile Marine in its true light, they would be the first to appreciate the value of being able to communicate with men-of-war, but I must confess that their energy and enterprise in this direction has far exceeded the hopeful anticipations I held out."

After replying in England for 136 years, the remains of Emanuel Swedenborg, the famous mystic and writer, are to be taken to Sweden and re-interred in that country. The Swedish Government formally requested that this might be done, and, on the British Government assenting, authorised Count Wrangel, the Swedish Minister in London, to arrange the details. It has not yet been decided whether or not a memorial service will be held in London, but the Swedish frigate Fyris, till lately stationed in Indian waters, on her homeward voyage, was to call at Dartmouth, on April 10, to take on board the shell containing the remains of Swedenborg, which were, by that date, removed from the vaults of the Swedish Church Prince's Square, St. George's-in-the-East.

MASONIC.

At the annual meeting of the District Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Hongkong and South China last night, M.E. Comp. T. F. Hough presiding, the following officers were appointed and those present were invested:

District—Second Grand Principal, M.E. Comp. T. F. Hough; District Third Grand Principal, M.E. Comp. D. Macdonald; D.G. Scribe E. M.E. Comp. A.O.D. Gaudin; D.G. Scribe N. M.E. Comp. H. J. Watson; D.G. President Committee of General Purposes, M.E. Comp. C. J. Lefrancis; D.G. Treasurer, M.E. Comp. W. J. Tabor; D.G. Registrar, M.E. Comp. J. W. C. Bonnar; D.G. Principal Sojourner, M.E. Comp. W. H. Wooley; D.G. First Assistant Sojourner, M.E. Comp. J. J. Bryan; D.G. Second Assistant Sojourner, M.E. Comp. H. G. Baker; D.G. Sword Bearer, M.E. Comp. W. H. Parrell; D.G. Standard Bearer, M.E. Comp. H. S. Smith; D.G. Standard Bearer, E. Comp. W. King; do, D. Comp. A. E. Crasnell; do, M.E. Comp. C. W. Longest; D.G. Director of Ceremonies, E. Comp. A. W. J. Watt; D.G. Deputy Director of Ceremonies, E. Comp. E. L. Lewis; D.G. Assistant Director of Ceremonies, M.E. Comp. C. J. Wedd; D.G. Janitor, Com. J. Vanstone; unofficial members, M.E. Comp. B. B. Baker and M.E. Comp. John Smith.

LOCAL SPORT.

LAWN TENNIS.

The Civil Service Club inaugurated competitions for championship singles, handicap singles, and handicap doubles on the 1st May.

GRAINGROWER C.C.

The members of the Graingrower Cricket Club are "at home" on Saturday afternoon at the Club pavilion in the Happy Valley.

LAWN BOWLS.

The final for the rink bowling competition in connection with the H. Civil Service Club was won by Messrs. Fincher (skip), McIvor, Dawson and Brown from Mr. Wheel's team. The match was closely contested, the scores being 21 to 19.

PLAGUE AND RATS.

Yesterday, ten more plague cases were notified, increasing the total to 112 at date.

It is singular that with the rapid spread of this disease this year, the number of plague infected rats found should be less than before. It throws doubts on the scientific conclusions with regard to rats and plague.

It may not be generally known that the plague inspectors at Hongkong, when they have a house under inspection, install a tame rat there for five days, or until it dies, if the latter event happens within that period. The animal, which is regularly fed, but not provided with water, is then returned to the Bacteriological Laboratory.

This week a second case of plague broke out in a house in which the rat had shown no traces of disease.

WEIRD EXPERIENCE.

MAN WATCHES THE AMPUTATION OF HIS OWN LEG.

A case of a man calmly watching the amputation of his own leg was described at a Lambeth inquest.

The man was John Davies, 33, a Kensington rd., furniture dealer. Last November he slipped while coming off a van and injured his left shin. The injury grew worse, and after consulting Dr. Howlands, of Guy's Hospital, it was resolved to amputate the leg from the thigh. "There was no anaesthetic used," said Dr. Tanner, a witness at the inquest, "but Dr. Rowlands injected a preparation which deadened all feeling. Stobaine was injected into the spinal cord, which produced perfect deadness in both limbs. Deceased simply sat and watched it, and never said 'Oh.'"

The Coroner: "How long did it take to produce local insensibility?—About five or six minutes."

And how long did the operation take?—About three-quarters of an hour.

Extra complications set in, however, and deceased died from exhaustion.

UNITED STATES FLEET.

In response to an official request, Admiral Evans has sent a voluminous report to Washington, recommending important changes as regards American battleships. This is the direct outcome of the naval controversy and the criticisms relating to the location of the armour belt, the open turrets, the height of freeboard, and the gun positions.

The Admiral's recommendations are based upon the reports of his captains made during the voyage of the Atlantic fleet to the Pacific, and demanded categorical answers. The report is too long to give in full, but, briefly stated, Admiral Evans endorses much that has been said regarding the necessity for improvement, and he recommends in some of the chief essentials that American battleships should follow upon the lines already adopted by the British naval constructors in their latest designs. As regards armour belt, turrets, and positions, Admiral Robinson said that officers aboard the fleet believe these changes should be authorized by the Department at the first available opportunity.

TELEGRAMS.

[REUTERS' SERVICE.]

BRITISH CRUISER BEACHED.

LONDON, April 26th.
The liner *St. Paul* collided with the cruiser *Gladiator* in a snow storm, off the Needles. The cruiser was beached, and now lies on her beam ends. It is feared that twenty blue jackets have perished. The bows of the liner are damaged.

LATER.

The storm in the Channel on Saturday was the most terrific since 1881. The *Gladiator* is a total wreck. Four of the crew are reported drowned and thirty-four are missing.

THE FIGHTING ON THE INDIAN FRONTIER.

LONDON, April 26th.
The Mohmand's losses in the recent fight are computed at 400.

THE FUNERAL OF SIR HENRY CAMPBELL BANNERMAN.

LONDON, April 26th.
Mr. Clementson will attend the funeral service of Sir Henry Campbell Bannerman at Westminster Abbey.

(N.C. Daily News Service.)

UNREST IN KOREA.

Tokyo, April 17.
Thirty rioters in the Chyungbyong province, Korea, apparently supposing that Prince Ito was returning to Seoul overland, removed seventeen spikes from the sleepers of the railway.

The conspirators disappeared before the arrival of the troops.

JAPANESE SUGAR.

Tokyo, April 17.
The Japanese sugar companies have agreed upon a programme of action for the prevention of over-production and for co-operation in the matter of exports to Korea and China.

JAPANESE FINANCE.

Tokyo, April 18.
The financial conference at Osaka between representatives of banks and clearing houses, at which disapproval was expressed of the Government's financial policy, is "fizzling out." It has been agreed that moderate overtures shall be made to the Government.

THE JAPANESE BOYCOTT.

Tokyo, April 8.
Increasing alarm is felt in Japan on account of the boycott by the Chinese. The "Asahi" correspondent in Hongkong sends a lengthy telegram in which it is alleged that instigations by foreign firms is at the back of the movement.

JAPANESE YARN.

Tokyo, April 19.
The Japanese Spinners' Union has resolved upon a cessation of night work for three months besides a stoppage of work for five days and nights monthly. The application of this plan to the export of cotton yarns will reduce the production by about one-half.

SIR ROBERT HART.

Peking, April 22.
Sir Robert Hart left Peking at 8 a.m. to-day and proceeds from Tientsin to Shanghai on board a Revenue cruiser. From Shanghai he will travel to Europe by the N.D.L.S. "York."

The departure of Sir Robert Hart was the occasion of a great ceremony at the railway station. The Diplomatic Body representatives of the Customs Service and the bulk of the foreign residents in Peking were present on the platform to take leave of the Inspector-General. The Chinese Government was represented by their Excellencies Na Tang, and Tieh Liang of the Waiwung, and by Chan Pi and Governor Tang Shao-yi. Guards of Honour were furnished by the Chinese authorities, and two bands were supplied by the British, American, Japanese, Italian and Dutch Legations.

Sir Robert Hart is looking well. His health has much improved recently, and he hopes to return to China at the end of the year for which he has been granted leave of absence. Should he be unable to return, the permanent appointment of an Inspector-General will then be made.

THE FIRES AT PEKING.

Peking, April 22.
Official investigation of the recent fires here shows that they are devoid of special significance, and they are now regarded as ordinary outbreaks with exception of the one which occurred in the Lama Temple.

Owing to reports of thefts from this institution an inventory of its contents had been ordered. But on the day preceding that on which the inventory was to have been taken, the fire occurred. Presumably it was a device on the part of the priests to cover up traces of their delinquencies.

The damage done by this conflagration amounted to Tls. 3,000.

BRITISH NAVAL SUPREMACY.

An indictment of the policy of the present Admiralty is made by Mr. H. W. Wilson in the current issue of the "National Review."

Mr. Wilson declares that the "Admiralty and the Cabinet have been hypnotised by German diplomacy," and adds that "Germany has secured an effective diminution in the British grants for the vital items in the Navy Estimates, while she is herself enormously augmenting her outlay." Since 1904 the British total expenditure, including outlay on naval works, has fallen by £7,100,000, while the German outlay has increased by £6,400,000.

An illustration of Mr. Wilson's contention is given in the following table, which gives the armoured tonnage voted in the annual programmes of the countries named:—

1897-1900. 1901-4. 1905-8.

England ... 430,000 361,400 222,000

France and Russia 283,000 212,400 140,000

Germany & U.S.A. 331,000 325,200 337,000

Germany ... 110,800 145,200 224,900

HONGKONG SANITARY BOARD.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was held yesterday at the Board Room. The Hon. Dr. J. M. Atkinson (president), presided, and there were also present Lieut. Col. Martin, Captain Lyons, Hon. Mr. Irving, Mr. A. Shotton Hooper, Mr. H. Humphreys, Mr. H. A. W. Slade, Mr. Fung Wa-chun; and Dr. Macfarlane (Assistant Medical Officer of Health) and Mr. Messer (Secretary).

AN ABORTIVE PROPOSAL.

Mr. A. SHELTON HOOPER, pursuant to notice, moved:—"That the Board recommend the Government to give legislative effect, in the proposed new Ordinance amending the Public Health and Buildings Ordinances, to the instructions of His Excellency Sir Matthew Nathan, that all Government Buildings be placed under the jurisdiction of the Sanitary Board." In doing so he said he believed it would meet with no opposition from members of the Board. He pointed out that the subject first came under their notice over a year ago when it was found that the new Post Office was in a most insanitary condition, and when it was pointed out to Sir Matthew Nathan he issued orders that departmental instructions be given that sanitary inspectors should make the same inspection of Government buildings as private buildings.

The PRESIDENT—Not quite the same, Mr. HOOPER—Very well. That strengthens my argument. Because a building or land was owned by the Government was, he added, no reason why it should be less sanitary than buildings or land privately owned. He mentioned the insanitary condition of the gardeners' cottages in Macdonnell Road and of the broken down place at the Supreme Court. Had these belonged to private owners they would have been served with a notice to abate within 24 hours or be run up by the heels to the Police Court. He failed to see why the Government which was clamouring to make those places sanitary should be in a better position than the others. It might be that the Government was not flush with money but that excuse could not be pleaded by private individuals and he did not think the Government should do so. His motion was that Sir Matthew Nathan's departmental instructions should have legislative effect given to them, and where a government building was found in an insanitary condition the owner should be served with a summons to abate the nuisance or else appear before the Magistrate. The question arose as to who was the owner, and he proposed that the Colonial Secretary should stand for the owner in the same way as he being the Secretary of the Building Company stood for it.

The PRESIDENT—Does any one second this? Mr. HOOPER—I have asked no one to second it, I thought you would. The PRESIDENT—I don't see my way to second this because I don't think it practicable. The matter was referred to the Crown Solicitors and their opinion was that the Sanitary Board had control over all Government buildings. Mr. Hooper suggests that the Colonial Secretary should be served with a notice whenever a nuisance is found to exist on Government property.

Mr. HOOPER—Quite so. The PRESIDENT—Do you think the Colonial Secretary could possibly undertake that work with all his other work? Mr. HOOPER—As much as I can for my company with my other work. The PRESIDENT—Is it practical? What I meant when I said that Government property was not inspected in the same way as private property was that it was dealt with more thoroughly than other buildings.

Mr. HOOPER—No. The PRESIDENT—I have inquired and I find that Government buildings are inspected once a month and in addition on the quarters are inspected at least once a week. Mr. HUMPHREYS said he did not hear Mr. Hooper's motion which he understood was to bring all Government property under the jurisdiction of the Sanitary Board. If it was only a question as to who was to be served with a notice, it was immaterial whether the Colonial Secretary or the Building Authority was served.

The PRESIDENT—Do I take it you second this motion? Mr. HUMPHREYS—I don't mind seconding it. I am not very clear about it.

Mr. HOOPER in his reply said he understood that his proposal would be acceptable to the Government. On a vote being taken, three voted for the motion and four against. The motion was declared lost.

The PRESIDENT remarked that if any member noticed anything like what Mr. Hooper had mentioned as existing at the Supreme Court, and elsewhere he might report it to the department.

HINDREPOST.

The Colonial Veterinary Surgeon reported an outbreak of rinderpest at the Dairy Farm at Pokfulam. On the 9th inst he received information from the manager that he suspected disease among the cattle at No. 7 shed. He visited the premises where there were 12 cows, 1 bull, and 32 calves; five of the calves had high temperature and the cases being doubtful, he took the usual precautions. Later visits showed the nature of the illness, and he found that disease had made its appearance in other parts. The animals were segregated, and all the sheds affected had been washed and sprayed with a solution of Javel's fluid. He recommended the Board to declare shed No. 7, the two sheds at midway, and the two isolation sheds to be "infected areas."

On the motion of the President the premises were declared free.

THE AMENDING ORDINANCE.

On a reference being made to the report of the architects on the proposed Public Health and Buildings Amendment Ordinance, Mr. Hooper mentioned that a meeting had been held at which the Government had agreed to accept certain recommendations to the Bill and he would like to know what was likely to be done as the second reading of the Bill was down for the meeting of the Legislative Council on Thursday.

The President thought the alterations suggested and accepted would be placed before the Board.

Mr. Hooper added that the Government wanted their views before the Bill was passed. They had only had time to deal with a portion of it.

The President said he had no information to give. He thought the matter would be referred to the Board before the Bill became law.

Mr. Hooper said he wanted to know what their position was because they did not want to sit discussing those amendments and he thought the amendments suggested by the architects and accepted by the Government should be placed before them. He moved that the Board ask the Colonial Secretary to inform them of the proposed alterations to the Bill.

Colonel MARTIN seconded, and the proposal was agreed to.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality statistics for the week ending April 24th showed that the death rate for the British and foreign community was 31.6 per 1,000 as against 20.5 in the corresponding week of last year and for the whole colony 21.6 as against 20.8 in the corresponding week of last year.

CATTLE STUFFING.

Representations having been made some time ago by Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Co., Shewan Tomes and Co., and Butterfield and Swire as to the injury done to the export trade in cattle by the practice of stuffing the cattle, a by-law was framed to prevent the draining of cattle. It appeared from this minute of the Veterinary Surgeon that this was not sufficient as salt was administered to cattle in order to make them drink water and swell themselves so that they became heavier, and realised more when sold. It was proposed to frame another by-law to prevent salt being administered to them in the depot except with the permission of the Veterinary Surgeon and this was approved.

BRUCE PEEBLES, AND COMPANY.

A meeting of the creditors of this company was held at Winchester-house, Mr. A. W. Tait presided. After detailing the circumstances in which he and Mr. Robinson Durham had been appointed joint liquidators, he said that they had prepared an account from the books of the company, as at the date of the appointment of the provisional liquidator. The balance of deficiency was £193,085. It was not desirable at a public meeting to go into specific items of loss, but he suggested that the meeting should appoint a committee who should report to a further meeting. Their losses had been due to a variety of causes, but they all hinged upon the fact that the company had been seriously in want of working capital for some time past. The year 1902 was a very difficult one for all manufacturing concerns, and for the electrical industry in particular. There had been an abnormal rise in raw materials, while the price of the finished article had steadily decreased. Summarizing the causes which had led to the present crisis, he said their difficulties were due to losses on contracts, following up on the high price of raw materials, to insufficient reserves for contingencies, to losses due to the realization of securities, to an insufficiency of working capital, and to the heavy expenses in connection with the administration of the business. If there were a forced realization, the assets, he calculated, would realize only about 65. 6d. in the £, and even this could not be distributed among the creditors for a considerable time—probably two years. If the business had been reconstructed on a reasonable footing, notwithstanding the dull times in the electrical world, reasonable profits should accrue to the concern if they were properly administered by a board having knowledge of the business. Finally he detailed the following scheme:—That the debentures should be extended for ten years; that the interest should remain, as at present, 5 per cent., with a sinking fund of 2 per cent. per annum; and that the trade creditors should accept 75. 6d. in the £ in a debenture which would be redeemed by the proceeds of the sale of securities and the collection of the trade debts. This 75. 6d. he considered should be paid in a short time. Thus they would receive probably more in cash under the scheme than they would under liquidation. The other 12s. 6d. would be given to the creditors in the shape of a cumulative 6 per cent. preference share in the undertaking. Altogether 120,000 cumulative preference shares would be issued, of which 50,000 would be offered at par to the shareholders for subscription, and that would provide £300,000 for working capital. For redeeming debentures—the second debentures the creditors were asked to take. After a short discussion a committee representing English and Scotch creditors was appointed to go into the matters detailed by the chairman, such committee to report the result of their labours to the creditors.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—

On the 23rd at 11.55 a.m. The barometer has risen slightly over the China coast. Pressure remains high over N. China and the Yellow Sea, and relatively low over the N. coast of the China Sea.

Fresh or strong N.E. winds may be expected in the Forerace Channel, and along the northern shores of the China Sea.

The Japanese returns are lacking. Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.77 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:—

Hongkong & Neighbourhood { N.E. and E. winds, fresh or strong; squally, rainy.

Formosa Channel { Same as No. 1.

South of China between { Same as No. 1.

Hongkong and Lannocks { Same as No. 1.

South of China between { Same as No. 1.

Hongkong and Lannocks { Same as No. 1.

THE LATE MR. RENNIE.

A QUIET RE-SCUING.

The inquiry into the circumstances connected with the death of Mr. A. H. Rennie took place at the Magistracy yesterday afternoon before Mr. J. H. Kemp, sitting as coroner, and a jury composed of Messrs J. O. Gow, J. N. Seth, and T. Hunter, Mr. G. C. Master, watched the proceedings on behalf of Mrs. Rennie.

Dr. Hensley, medical officer in charge of the mortuary, stated that on the 15th inst. he examined the body of a European aged about fifty. It was identified by Mr. Chard as being the body of Mr. Rennie. He considered the cause of death was drowning, but the signs of drowning were so indefinite that it should not be left to the man conducting the post-mortem to give the cause of death. The post-mortem disclosed a small bruise under the chin which might have been done by anything such as a piece of rope or wood. There was a slight bruise on the nose. There were no injuries external or internal. The conditions he found in the body suggested drowning.

His Worship:—There were no signs of poisoning?

Witness:—I did not send the stomach to the Government analyst. I saw nothing to suggest poisoning.

In answer to his Worship, witness said. The bruise on the nose might have been caused by the post-mortem box which Mr. Rennie had fastened round his neck.

The coxswain of the steam launch "Canada" said he remembered the 14th inst. on which day he was coxswain on board the launch. He took Mr. Rennie on board at 3 o'clock. He was going full speed and his master told him to go half speed. Afterwards he lifted his handkerchief and wiped it for about two minutes towards the Peak. Then he asked witness if he had any rope and witness handed him a piece.

That was about four minutes after starting. Mr. Rennie went into the cabin and called his boy. He remained for some time in the cabin, then came out and walked to and fro on the deck singing. On reaching Quarry Bay he told the boy to make tea. At that time there was a steamer carrying soldiers coming from Lyemooon and Mr. Rennie told him to lower the flag of the launch as a mark of respect. Afterwards he entered the cabin, from which he emerged when they came to Lyemooon. Mr. Rennie had a box fastened round his neck with the rope which witness had given him. Then he jumped into the sea. The assistant coxswain went to his assistance, while witness stopped the launch and called out to the crew to throw him a life buoy. The assistant coxswain swam to Mr. Rennie and offered him the life buoy which his master pushed back. The assistant caught hold of Mr. Rennie by the clothes but the latter kicked him away. By that time the launch had come up. It took about five minutes. Mr. Rennie was floating all the time, but nothing was supporting him. Witness did not see him move after he had been in the water two minutes.

How was it he did not sink?—I do not know. Perhaps it was an account of his clothes.

What became of the box?—It was also floating.

When you picked up your master did you pick up the box at the same time?—Yes.

Was it still fastened to him?—No, it fell off after he went into the water.

What did you do after picking up the body?—I started to Hongkong full speed. I moved his arm and rubbed his stomach. He vomited some water.

Did he move after you took him on board?—No.

Or your way back you blew the steam whistle to attract attention?—Yes.

And eventually you met the police launch?—Yes.

Was your master conscious after you took him on board?—No, he did not move.

To Yaw, second coxswain of the "Canada", corroborated the statement of the previous witness. Mr. Rennie, prior to telling his boy to prepare tea, walked on the deck singing. Then they met a steamer carrying troops and the launch flag was "dipped." A European on the steamer waved his handkerchief and Mr. Rennie waved in return. Shortly afterwards he entered his cabin and a few minutes later he came out and jumped into the sea.

Did his boy go into the cabin with him?—No.

What next?—I jumped into the sea after him. Did you take a life buoy with you?—No, one was thrown to me afterwards.

And you seized it?—Yes, and took it to my master, but he would not take hold of it. I then seized his jacket.

Did he say anything?—When I first took the life buoy I said "Master, take this." He said "Don't want it."

Did he speak in English?—Yes.

What did he say?—He said he did not want it.

What happened?—Then after I caught him by the jacket he kicked me away. He continued to float. Then the launch which had gone astern came up and I seized him by the jacket and took him on board where I tried to resuscitate him. Then on our return journey we blew four blasts and lowered the flag. The police launch came up.

Did he move after being taken on board?—No.

Was he conscious?—Did he say anything?—He was not conscious.

Did you see this steel box?—Yes.

Where?—On the launch. Mr. Rennie cried it.

What became of it afterwards?—It was in the sea. I picked it up.

When Mr. Rennie floated in the sea, was anything supporting him?—No, Sir.

Sing Yim, Mr. Rennie's "boy," said he went out in the launch with him on the 14th inst. and saw him waving his handkerchief and afterwards walk about. Then he called

witness into the cabin and asked for a bottle of soda water. "He then wept before me and said he was very sorry."

What did he say?—"I very sorry for the office business."

Yes?—He then wept and said he could not bear to part with Mr. Chard and his wife.

What else?—He said he could not bear to part with me because I had been so long with him. He said if he was to die or go away Mr. Chard would look after me. I asked him when he was going to die or go away and he said "I don't know." When I entered the cabin I saw a box with a rope round it. I asked him what it was and he said it contained old letters. He said he would take them to the flour mill and sink them there. When near Taikeo Sugar Refinery we passed a steamer and he ordered the flag to be lowered and waved his handkerchief. Afterwards he told me to make tea for him. I brought the tea inside the cabin and waited outside. Mr. Rennie poured some cream and tea into the cup. I walked to the stern. Shortly afterwards the coxswain said my master had jumped into the sea. I looked and saw the second coxswain in the sea catch a life buoy thrown him. The second coxswain handed the life buoy to my master but he pushed it away. As soon as he jumped overboard the launch went astern.

Did he drink the tea?—No, he did not drink the tea or soda water.

P. C. Baker spoke to being in the police launch on the afternoon of the day in question and, hearing a launch blowing a whistle, he proceeded to it. On going on board the boy informed him that Mr. Rennie had jumped overboard and had been drowned. He was shown the body and he examined it. To all appearances he was dead. He ordered the coxswain to proceed to the Police Pier, and after reporting at the Station, he returned to the launch. Witness did not properly understand the method of resuscitation. Dr. Ainsley came down and tried to resuscitate him but without success. The coxswain pointed out the box which he said Mr. Rennie had placed round his neck. He took possession of it with other property and afterwards took the body to the mortuary.

Inspector Langley said he examined the box the same night and found a number of old letters and papers but nothing that would bear on the subject of the inquiry.

Mr. H. F. Chard, who had been employed in the Hongkong Milling Company, said Mr. Rennie was worried about the financial affairs of the Company. He had a long and heavy strain in starting the company.

Would you say he was naturally impulsive or would you say he was slow and deliberate?—I think he was extremely impulsive.

Would you say he was a man of strong character?—Yes, a man of strong will indeed.

Mrs. Rennie was next called. She said she lived at "The Firm."

Did you notice any depression in Mr. Rennie?—Yes.

When did it first appear?—About four or five days after the general meeting of the company.

Will you give details?—He began by having sleepless nights. He was an excellent sleeper. He could sleep at any time. He would come home very tired, sleep for a few minutes, then have fits. He would read at night, far into the night. On several occasions I woke up and found him wandering about. He would pass my bedroom quietly. I have risen and asked him what was the matter and he said "I am very worried." He was always complaining about his head being so tired and I asked him to tell me what his worries were, but he said "I could not understand. I told him that I could not understand. I tried to console him in every way I could. He said "I feel I can't go much longer." When I spoke to him and asked him why he did not get some one to help him he said there were others who could help him but would not. Then he pulled himself together. He was always so self-reliant. I tried to be cheerful and not let him see that I was troubled. One morning about two weeks before his death he was dressing in his room. There is a communicating door between our rooms and I looked into his room. I saw him rush his hands through his hair and jump about and say "Oh God kill me." I ran to him and asked him what was the matter but all he said was nothing was the matter. He threw himself down in an exhausted condition on the bed but after three or four minutes he recovered and said "Yes I will go on with this. I will pull it through." I asked him why he did not tell his partner, Sir Paul Chater and Mr. Mody, and he replied "So I have, but they can't do anything." This went on day after day and he asked me not to let him go out alone. Sometimes he would ask me for a book. When I was not able to go out he asked to take out Giff, that is our little dog. On another occasion I found him yawning about the house in a terrible state. The night before his death we were at Government House. We dined at the King Edward Hotel. He came home late and rushed upstairs. I had only been in bed about ten minutes when I called to him as I was sick. He came to me and dropped at the foot of the bed and I asked him what was the matter. I recovered and went back to his room telling me that he would be awake and not to be afraid to call him if I wanted him. About fifteen minutes afterwards he called out "Do you want me?" I told him that I did not need him and I fell to sleep. At that morning he said to me "I can't go on much longer" and when I asked him to tell me he said I would not understand. As the house was being painted he came into my room to get some collars from the wardrobe. He put his head on his arm and wept bitterly. (At this stage Mrs. Rennie was in tears and Mrs. Master came to her assistance. However she recovered a little and asked her story.) I of course rushed to him and asked him to tell me his trouble. I said "Cannot you speak to some one?" He finished dressing and asked me to call Sir Paul Chater and Sir Paul Chater came. He said I am coming to breakfast with you, you know I am in trouble. Sir Paul

answered I have people staying with me. Mr. Rennie said you are always busy in your office. I will see you in your office directly I come down. I had breakfast in my room as the house was being painted. Again I found him sitting with his head on his arm weeping bitterly. He was so self-reliant and I could not understand this. He pulled himself together. We finished breakfast and he went out.

You remember him saying "God keep me in my room?"—Yes. He would tell nobody about his troubles but his partners. They were deeply interested and did not wish to do more. You received a letter?—Yes.

About what time?—Between half past two and three o'clock.

In Mr. Rennie's handwriting?—Yes.

You afterwards destroyed that letter?—Yes. It was purely of a private nature.

You dictated it afterwards from memory to Mr. Master?—Yes.

Will you see if this is correctly dictated?—It is.

Mrs. Rennie continued—On the morning of his death Mr. Rennie came home toiffin. He hadiffin in my room and seemed quite cheerful. Now I see it. He was trying to make me believe he was cheerful. I asked him "Have you seen Sir Paul Chater?" He said "Yes, he made proposals to me, proposals which I told you before would come. I don't like to think about them." I said "Never mind you will pull through and he said "see." Afteriffin he said "I am coming home early to-night." I said "I am coming home early to-night." He went downstairs and called out. I went on to the verandah. I said goodbye to him over the verandah. It was the last time.

Have you anything else to add?—What I do want to say is this. I want to put my husband right in the eyes of the world. He was an absolutely honest man always. Any liabilities he incurred were not more than he knew his own personal estate could always make right. On the day of his death I was served with a writ for \$50,000. As to the right or wrong of that this is not the time or the place to say, but the transaction and other things worried him. Had he received from the Hongkong Milling Company his dues he would have been in a position to pay his indebtedness. He never thought of himself. For three years he worked at that place and yet at the end of that time he was asked by the company to relinquish one-half of what he had earned. For his three years' work he received a salary \$50,000 from the Hongkong Milling Company. They are in a position. They got it. Well they will probably try to do something to revive it. While there were those they did nothing to help him. His one aim was to make Hongkong self-supporting. He spent his life and his money freely. He was willing to work. He loved work and he loved life. His life was thrown away.

Mrs. Rennie left the box shaken with emotion and was assisted out of court by Mr. and Mrs. Master.

His Worship then addressed the jury. He did not propose, he said, to read the letter. The evidence showed that deceased had died by his own act and it remained for them to decide whether they would return a verdict of suicide simply or suicide whilst of unsound mind. The evidence showed that his mind had been deranged and that he had been very much worried by the financial affairs of the company.

The jury unanimously returned a verdict of suicide during temporary insanity.

OPIMUM IN SHANGHAI SETTLEMENT.

THE CLOSED HOUSES.

An interesting event took place on April 18th at 2 o'clock at the Town Hall, Shanghai. This was the drawing of lots by proprietors of the opium smoking divans within the International Settlement as to whose establishments should be closed in accordance with the resolution of the Ratepayers' Meeting last month providing for the closing of 25 per cent of the opium divans and shops by July 1. Owing to a rumour amongst the Chinese that the European manner of drawing lots was untrustworthy, a drum holding the lots was taken to the Town Hall and is being done at the same way as the Chinese draw prizes every month in the Chinese suburbs. This procedure apparently satisfied the Chinese opium divan proprietors as being "all straight." Three prominent Chinese gentlemen were present, namely Messrs. Shen Tun-ho (Director of the Imperial Bank of China) Chai Laifong (Comptroller to Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Co.) and Yui Yaching (Comptroller to the Netherlands Bank), these gentlemen having been asked by the Municipal Council to witness the proceedings in order to give confidence to the Chinese concerned. The foreign gentlemen present were Messrs. J. A. Johnston, Assistant Overseers of Taxes, and F. A. Sampson, Assistant Overseers of Taxes. Mr. Shen Tun-ho made a few remarks to those present in Chinese in which he reminded his hearers that this scheme for reducing the consumption of opium was not only throughout the Chinese governed portions of the Empire but also in the foreign settlements of China was one that emanated from their Imperial Majesties and the Government; hence they were really obeying the Imperial mandate in reducing opium smoking divans and shops. The result of the drawing showed that 359 opium establishments, among them many of the largest in Shanghai, are to close their business by the July 1 next.

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[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

London, March 27th.

CHINESE SEAMEN.

Mr. Lloyd George is losing no time in carrying out the pledge given in the House of Commons to investigate the abuses of the regulations in respect to the engagement of Chinese crews on British vessels. As he stated, there is ground for the complaint raised by the seamen's representatives that the language tests are being graded and citizenship of Hongkong and Singapore is being pleaded falsely, so that there are now a greater number of Chinese employed on our ships than before the Act passed by the last government came into operation. This view is corroborated by the Board of Trade officials at the various ports, yet there is no real grievance against the owners, apparently, for they claim that the supply of British seamen is not sufficient. To obtain the owners' co-operation, however, Mr. Lloyd George, on Wednesday had a conference with several of the leading shipping men. The proceedings were private, but I learn that the whole matter was exhaustively gone into and there will be further conferences before official action is taken.

SIR THOMAS JACKSON, The veteran banking expert, Sir Thomas Jackson, who has done so much to build up the business of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, has been selected as chairman of the Imperial Bank of Russia in succession to the late Sir Leopold Giffin. Sir Thomas has been a director of this bank for some time and the Board had no hesitation in finding in him their new head.

OLD SOLDIERS. The proposal of Lord Roberts and his associates to establish a Veterans' Fund for the relief of old men "broke in our wars" has met with hearty support and at a meeting on Wednesday, presided over by Sir Frank Sturges, it was reported that many of the old soldiers had already been assisted. It is, however, desired to make the provision and that the aid will be permanent and not temporary, so the public is still being requested to send in their subscriptions towards this laudable object.

A FORTUNATE FRAUDULIN. Barmen, a busy manufacturing town on the southern side of Germany, has this week had a sensation in which romance, a young Chinaman, and the seventeen-year-old daughter of a rich manufacturer have been the chief causes. The Chinaman is a performer, a juggler of parts, and he duly appeared at the Winter Circus, Barmen. Thither the girl went, captivated by the sentimental influence of sweet savour, the sentimentalism of the girl, at once seduced and with approval. Later the pair managed to separate, and it was rashly decided to flee from unsympathetic parents and people with racial prejudices to some corner of the world where they could live and be in peace. Alas, Germany is very well policed, and when they got to the station and demanded tickets for Cologne an officer appeared with awkward questions, and when there were no satisfactory answers forthcoming he arrested them both. To them came the parents, the girl warmly defended her forgoing, but the girl was in love with the Chinaman, and would not marry him, knowing full well what she was doing. But alas again! the mother now has her underling and promises to keep her there till Love's first fond dream is past.

OPIMUM AND OPTIMISM. There is much satisfaction here among anti-opium advocates over the latest Imperial Chinese proclamation confirming the decision of China to suppress the opium habit. The Secretary of the Society for the Suppression of the Opium Trade said to a friend of mine as soon as the announcement of this proclamation reached London—"There can now be no doubt that the central authorities in Peking are in earnest in this policy. It is also significant that our own Government are also in earnest about the matter. Such being the case we can confidently hope to see the evil trade between India and China entirely ended within the limit of ten years, as already stipulated." The annual meeting of the society is to be held in May when among the speakers there will be the two M.P.'s who have recently toured in the East—Messrs. R. Laidlaw and T.C. Taylor.

AN ENGAGEMENT. There is an engagement to record of interest to Hongkong. Sir William Robinson, G.C.M.G., who some twenty years ago was Governor with you now resides in a choice flat in Castle Place just off Victoria Street with his family, and from there the announcement is made that his second daughter, Miss Marian Florence, is to marry Mr. H. B. Bingham Smith-Bingham, eldest son of the Rev. Oswald Smith-Bingham of Thornbury, Isleworth. The Smith-Binghams are well known in the Army as well as in the Church.

MY LADY NICOTINE. I dropped into the International Tobacco Exhibition the other evening and found an interesting display of tobacco both in leaf and manufactured. There are cigarettes for people with weak throats and pipes to prevent the nicotine from reaching the palate, natural or carved cases for the care of cigars, and adhesive whiffs guaranteed to have no trace of opium in them. In view of the audience cigar and cigarette makers are busily at work, showing just how Borneo leaf is made up into cigars and how the various blends of tobacco are treated before being wrapped in the dainty folds of a finished cigarette. Mr. Cavendish E. Lincott has sent some Chinese pipes and some tobacco leaf grown in Northern China, while among those who have contributed samples of Java, Sumatra, Borneo, Straits Settlements, China, and Japan leaf, are Messrs. Claggett Brachi and Co., Messrs. Knoske and Co., Messrs. Behn, Meyer and Co., and Mr. C. M. Schroeder.

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A MARRIAGE.

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IMPORTANT BIOGRAPHY.

The life of the late Sir Halliday Macartney, K.C.M.G., of long service in China and at the Legation in Peking, has been written by Mr. Demetrius C. Boulger. Sir Halliday was altogether forty-four years in the Chinese service, both as a soldier and as an adviser, and who came under his glance felt that he was a great man. I felt it several times when I had occasion to see him at the Chinese Legation. The book is to be published by Mr. John Lane.

THE CHINA SOCIETY.

Next week's meeting of the China Society is to hear a paper read by Mr. L. Cranmer Byng on "The Golden Age of Chinese Poetry." Mr. Byng has of late been contributing to some magazine "the Orient Review" on Li Po and other Chinese poets.

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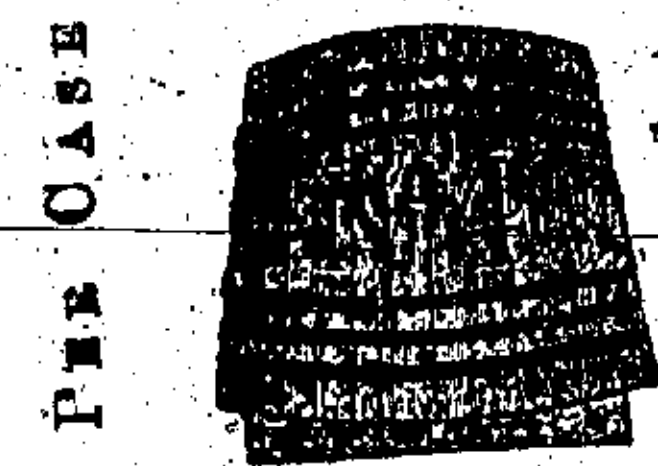
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All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 29th inst. at 11 A.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co. Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd April, 1908. 756

FROM EUROPE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE H.A.L. Steamship

"BRISGAVIA."

Capt. Gieseler, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

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HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE, Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 24th April, 1908. 760

THE SWEDISH EAST ASIATIC CO. LD.

COPENHAGEN.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

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All Claims must reach us before the 6th May, or they will not be recognised.

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THE SWEDISH EAST ASIATIC CO. LD. MELCHERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 25th April, 1908. 6

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Hongkong, 27th April, 1908. 16

S.S. "YARRA"

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Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before Noon, To-day, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining undelivered after Monday, the 4th May, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or before the 4th May, or they will not be recognised.

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J. MILLET, Agent.

Hongkong, 27th April, 1908. 12

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SHIPPING "RINGS"

WHITE STAR EVIDENCE.

Relations between the White Star Line and its shippers, and alleged preferential rates given to American goods shipped from New York to Australia, via Liverpool, formed the principal subjects of investigation by the Royal Commission on shipping "Rings" at the last sitting.

Mr. H. A. Sanderson, general manager of the White Star Line, stated that the deferred rebate system had existed in the Australian trade for the last seventeen years, and as far as they were aware, with satisfaction to shippers. Pressed on a point of detail, the witness said his answer had put the matter in such a complicated way that he could not understand it himself. (Laughter.)

Sir Hugh Bell: Then you will appreciate the position of the Commission, which has been trying to understand the question for many months. (Laughter.)

The Chairman: Is there any agreement between the German lines and the conference?—There was an agreement. It expired some years ago.

For all practical purposes we abstain from unnecessary interference with each other's trade.

Witness went on to say that, as the White Star Line was engaged in carrying Australian cargo from New York to Liverpool, the through rates it could obtain must be governed by those ruling from time to time in the direct trade. In view, too, of the delay involved in transshipment in Liverpool, the White Star was in many instances only able to obtain cargo by accepting rates 2s 6d less than those by direct steamer.

The Chairman: It has been stated that the rates charged by the White Star on American goods carried to Australia from New York via Liverpool, were for a considerable period 30 per cent. lower than the rates on English goods sent by the same route from Liverpool?—I think it is probable they were.

Does that diversity still exist?—I think it has largely disappeared.

How do you account for freights being lower from the United States?—Because in the direct service from New York to the Australian Colonies different interests have been fighting each other, and have been unable to come to an agreement.

Are there rebates in the homeward trade from Australia?—In the present state of confusion it would be impossible for anyone to say.

Professor Gossner: What prevents rates on the being unduly raised?—Common sense on the part of the shipowner. He wants to develop his business, and if he squeezes the shipper unduly it reacts upon himself.

Is it the fact of the tendency to increase the size of vessels, in anticipation of the growth of trade, and rates are gradually lowered to draw cargoes from sailing ships.

Mr. Maddison, M.P.: Can you give an instance in which the shipper was consulted before the raising of a rate?—It is so long since a rate was raised that I cannot recall the occasion. (Laughter.)

The companies shipping direct from New York to Australia still continue to ship, despite very poor dividends?—Yes.

And you pay very low dividends?—I am not aware that anybody knows what we pay. (Laughter.) Dividends are altogether a wrong basis to go by, as companies have other routes which might pay.

Mr. J. Barry: Would you object to the shipper having some court of appeal?—I should have no objection, but I think it would die of inanition.

Mr. Oswald Sanderson: If England decided that rebates were illegal, would that unfavourably affect the potentialities of British lines in their arrangements with their German competitors?—It would. Trade would be open to attack from the German lines in a way it is not at present.

Mr. Birchmore: Is it not practically a breach of agreement with your British customers to carry American goods by way of Liverpool cheaper than you carry British goods from Liverpool to Australia?—I do not think so. Our friends here are not prejudiced. If the goods were not carried by the White Star they would go by other ships, and the only losers would be ourselves.

Having secured their own market, the conference lines are able to carry American goods cheaper than British?—I don't think that is quite a fair way of putting it. We hope these people will get tired of cutting each other's throats.

But do you think it fair that the conference lines should (1) the British manufacturer down to fixed rates, and then carry competitive goods at lower rates?—I think it is fair.

Have you never had requests from British manufacturers to guarantee them most-favoured terms?—Shippers have requested us at times that the conference rates were hurting their business. We have endeavoured to assist them as far as we could. But the great bulk of the trade from the United States is not competitive.

But it is becoming increasingly competitive?—It is quite conceivable that the outcome of this war of rates from New York will be that rates from there will be put higher than they are here, and that the time may come when the British shipper will have an advantage.

Is it British lines and not American lines which are practically creating this situation?—The British direct lines from New York are responsible. We are ready to make arrangements for establishing reasonable rates.

Sir J. Macdonnell: This tendency unfavourable to British trade has lasted for a considerable period?—That is so.

Mr. G. B. Dodwell, of Messrs. Dodwell and Company (Limited), merchants, gave evidence in support of the conference system, and the Commission adjourned.

LORD CROMER AND GENERAL GORDON.

It was not to be supposed that Lord Cromer's recent criticisms of General Gordon would be allowed to pass unchallenged. In a recent number of "The Standard" Mr. J. J. Robson, M.P., who was an intimate friend of Gordon in his boyhood, and later worked under him as an engineering pupil, takes up the cudgels on his behalf. In general Mr. Robson's letter is a traverse of the criticisms of Gordon's character. He refers to a conversation he had with Miss Gordon shortly after her brother's death, in which that lady expressed pointed surprise at the web of mysticism, eccentricity and religious fanaticism that had been woven around her brother's character by writers who had never made his acquaintance.

General Gordon, says Mr. Robson, was not hot-headed, impulsive, or overwrought by his emotions, but on the contrary was remarkably cool and level-headed, a quick and active worker, and did not lack self-control. According to Mr. Robson he took an instinctive dislike to Lord Cromer from the first. In 1873 "a certain young gentleman in Cairo, named Mr. Baring, (Lord Cromer) endeavoured to patronise Gordon Pasha, the Governor of the Sudan." Gordon

resented this and in his account of their meeting described it in brief and uncompromising sentences, which he concluded by saying "When oil mixes with water we shall mix together." It is not surprising, therefore, says Mr. Robson, that when six years later Lord Cromer was sent to Khartoum he trusted Sir Evelyn Baring with scant courtesy. This dislike seems to have been reciprocated, for Sir Evelyn Baring did his best to prevent Gordon from being sent. Mr. Robson accuses Lord Cromer of lending a willing and prejudiced ear to the untruths of Gordon's enemies, and expresses the hope that his unkind strictures of Gordon will be expunged from any subsequent edition of his Lordship's book.—N.C. Daily News.

GERMAN INFLUENCE IN PERSIA.

Two years ago Germany had no interests in Persia. She had a Legation, it is true, at Teheran, but what else? She managed to come in with the tide of the Persian reform movement, and circumstances have favoured her efforts. A pro-German party came into power at the capital ready to listen to anything Germany had to say, or even to advocate the introduction of German influence into the country as a sore in the eyes of Russia and England. She began last year with a small concession for a bank and a trifling grant of 5,000 tomanas (about £18,000) a year from the Persian Government for a German school. Fortune had it that a sympathetic Persian, deeply in love with Miss Gorman, became President of the Majlis. During the December disturbances the German Legation protected the precious person of the President, and prevailed on him to taste their hospitality.

Soon after the disturbances the President made a long speech in the Majlis extolling the German system of education and the benign effects of German civilization, and requested the House to increase the grant from 5,000 to 12,000 tomanas (about £42,000) a year, in order to enable the Germans to found a University at Teheran and educate Persian youths in the true Prussian way. This grant was to be made on the birthday of the German Emperor, and the German language was to be a compulsory subject in the University. Some of the members objected strongly to the President's action, and pointed out that, if any such grant were contemplated, the proposal should come from the Government and not from the President. Shortly afterwards it became known that the grant had been made over the head of the Majlis—a curious proceeding which does not redound to the credit of the President. We are now startled by a fresh report, launched by the Germans and their Persian supporters, no doubt to test public feeling in Teheran. It is to the effect that the Persian Government has decided to remove all the Belgians in its service and substitute Germans for them. This report is contradicted by the Ministry; but there is no doubt that the idea has been seriously discussed in responsible quarters, where it is thought that its adoption might enable Persia at the same time to contract a small loan from Germany.

For the rest, the murmurs against the majority of the members of the Majlis increase daily and the assembly is losing thereby in popularity. The President has been very despondent since his violent attack on Sayyid Abdullah, the chief Mujtahid, losing popularity outside but still commanding some influence inside the House. The new German Minister, Count Quast-Wykradt-Isny, formerly Consul-General at Calcutta, and reported to be a diplomatist of great capacity, has already landed in Persia and is expected to arrive in Teheran to-morrow.

"HEAVEN A BIG PLACE."

It was when Mr. Birrell was expressing some hope about a future Irish Parliament that Mr. Lonsdale interrupted with a laugh. "Surely," cried Mr. Birrell, "I may be allowed a hope, the honourable member may have his hopes of Heaven, but I should not complain of that."

"I only hope," retorted Mr. Lonsdale, raising his hat, "that I shall meet the right honourable gentleman there."

Mr. Birrell, leaning on the despatch-box, looked across at the militant Irish Unionist and remarked, doubtfully, "Well, it's a big place. There's every opportunity of not always knocking up against one's acquaintances."

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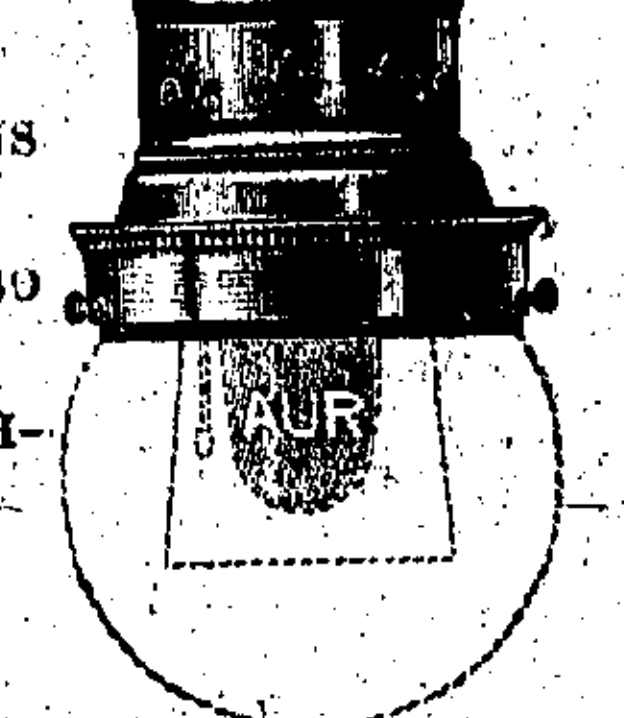
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YUENHANG, British str., 1,123, P. H. Rolfe, 28th April—Manila 25th April, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

CLEARANCES
AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.
 28th April.
Pukshu Maru, Japanese str., for Swatow.
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Baichow, British str., for Swatow.
Inaba Maru, Japanese str., for Singapore.
Liberia, German str., for Singapore.
Gormann str., for Saigon.
Pronto, Norwegian str., for Heliow.
Yangtze, British str., for Shanghai.
Yokohama Maru, Japanese str., for Singapore.

DEPARTURES.
 28th April.
ARMAND BEHIC, French str., for Europe, &c.
CATHERINE AFCAU, British str., for Singapore.
CHONGSHING, British str., for Canton.
CHONTURK, British str., for Saigon.
HAIMUN, British str., for Coast Ports.
HELEN, German str., for Heliow.
KNIVBERG, German str., for Heliow.
KWONGHONG, British str., for Swatow.
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TAMING, British str., for Manila.
TUNGSHING, British str., for Canton.
YANGRA, French str., for Shanghai.

SHIPPING REPORTS.
 The British str. Yuensang reports: Moderate monsoon and heavy rainy over land.

VESSELS IN DOCK.
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| HAVRE & HAMBURG via STRAITS, &c. | SUEVIA | Ger. str. | k. w. | Selmer | HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE | On 5th June. |
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| MARSEILLES, &c. via PORT OF CALL | KAMAKURA MARU | Jap. str. | — | H. Fraser | NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA | On 12th May, at 1 P.M. |
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